

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM A MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the reissuance of an NPDES permit for the following applicant, subject to specific permit requirements:

City of Garden City, 100 Central Avenue, Garden City, Georgia 31405, NPDES Permit No. GAS000208, for its municipal separate storm sewer system. The proposed NPDES permit will authorize the discharge of storm water from the municipal separate storm sewer system to waters of the State. This NPDES permit would be valid for a maximum period of five years.

The draft permit and other information are available for review at 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday (except official State holidays). In addition, a copy of the permit and additional information may be obtained by writing to EPD at this same address.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permits are invited to submit their comments in writing to Lawrence Hedges, Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program at the address above, by 4:00 p.m. on March 26, 2012. All comments received before or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations for this permit. "Draft Permit GAS000208" should be placed at the top of the first page of comments.

Comments may also be e-mailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "Draft Permit GAS000208" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

A public meeting has been scheduled for March 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at EPD's Training Room at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 114, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. A public hearing will be held immediately following the public meeting. The purpose of the public hearing will be to present and receive formal comments on the proposed permit for the official record. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing EPD.

Participants at the public hearing will be requested to register upon arrival if they intend to give oral or written statements. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement or comment either orally or in writing. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five minutes in order to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. Lengthy or technically complex statements should be submitted in writing for the official record.

For additional information contact: Frances Carpenter, NonPoint Source Program, phone (404) 675-1605.

Please bring this to the attention of persons who you know will be interested in the matter.